

and trades at 7s. 9d. per cwt. — *Times*.

ships now on the stocks gives an unmistakable average for the year, and the number of ships on the stocks exceeds that average this year. "You are right," said Sir Samuel, "but your perfect clarity, notwithstanding these great strides, we have the strongest steam navy in the world." "I am not," said Sir Samuel, in the paper; "to prove that with a small number of ships we should stand in no peril of invasion. But the steady and enormous increase of the French navy, and the fact that the French are expending very different from what appears to point to a rapid descent upon our coast. Two-deck and three-deckers for effort, and by no means the most fitting vessels for effort, are being built. They are intended, as their name implies, for the line of battle, and their production in large numbers by the French is a sufficient argument to a declaration that if we were to meet his forces at all, it would be on our coast, or in our harbours alone. He is manifestly preparing to meet us, if need be, or if occasion serve, on the open sea. There is no doubt for a mastery of infinitely greater value to him than the mastery of the Channel. These are not distant notions, but plain matters of fact; and they raise the question: Is England, with her small navy, to be content with her ports and islands, and her wide-spread commerce, and to leave

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to be imprisoned twenty-four hours; four to pay 40s., or to be imprisoned for eight days; and one (who had been five or six times convicted within a few weeks) to be imprisoned as an idle and disorderly person for the period of two calendar months.

Two women of the town were fined 20s. each for fighting in King-street.

Thomas King, James Maher, and Alexander Smith, known vagrants, were found guilty of having been in an illegal public house, and were committed to the gaol for two months. The other two were committed to the gaol for two months. The other two were committed to the gaol for two months.

George Davis was charged with having "housed" or "drugged" one Thomas Rogers, and robbed him of four £10 notes of the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney; William Hodgkin and Sarah Ann Ash, known vagrants, were found guilty of having been in an illegal public house, and were committed to the gaol for two months. The other two were committed to the gaol for two months.

Samuel Lewis, a carter, was found guilty of having stolen from a case of the premises of Leathes, Brown, and Co., Market-street (whether he yesterday conveyed goods or no), three tins of preserved salmon, valued at 8s., and was sentenced to be imprisoned with hard labour for two calendar months.

John Pochmann, of George-street, licensed victualler, appeared on summons to answer an information by Timothy Cheval, for having on the 3rd day of April instant, been guilty of having received, for the purpose of selling, a quantity of stolen goods, to wit, a room used as the office of William P. Moore, a room not being licensed, and the defendant's license house. A letter from the Treasury, dated the 19th April, was read, intimating that the defendant for a similar offence, that although the words of the Act do not authorize that conviction, yet the Legislature did not intend that such cases, the fine would be remitted. Their worship thereupon declined to entertain the information. Another information, for having allowed said internal communication to be used, shared the same fate.

WATER POLICE COURT.

Before Mr. M. Moriarty and Mr. Burdick.

William West and Mary Collins having been found drunk in the streets; the former was admonished and discharged, the latter was committed to the gaol for two months.

Edwin Saunders was brought before the Court, charged with having deserted from the ship *Lyle*. It appeared that prisoner had surrendered himself to the police who that the ship had left the port. The documents necessary for a conviction not having been left at the Shipping Office, he was discharged.

SEAMEN'S WAGES RELATIVE TO AN AGREEMENT.

—In Tuesday's issue it was erroneously reported that several postponed cases, involving claims for wages by seamen who had signed agreements to relinquish their claim for a consideration, were to be decided by the Judge in Banco having recently decided a case in point adversely to claimants under such circumstances.

NEW SOUTH WALES MARINE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

The fifteenth half-yearly general meeting of this Company was held at the Company's office, Exchange-street, Bridge-street, Sydney, on this day, when the following report was presented:

The directors have now to lay before the proprietors the half-yearly statement of the Company's affairs, and in doing so, to express their regret that the Company, in the half-year ending on the 31st March, 1859, has not been able to pay a dividend, and to express their regret that the Company, in the half-year ending on the 31st March, 1859, has not been able to pay a dividend, and to express their regret that the Company, in the half-year ending on the 31st March, 1859, has not been able to pay a dividend.

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TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

The opening of the new Temperance Hall of the New South Wales Alliance for the Suppression of Intemperance was further celebrated yesterday evening by the presence of the Rev. J. H. Rogers, who presided at a large proportion of ladies, and down to partake of tea and the usual concomitants; the arrangement of the tables and their speedy and orderly removal on the termination of the meal, were highly creditable to the women who managed the entertainment. The brass band of the XII. enlivened the company with appropriate music, both during the tea and subsequently in the intervals between the addresses. After the tables had been removed, the Rev. J. H. Rogers, who presided at the meeting, the hall being in the mean time comfortably filled, on the motion of Mr. J. ROBINSON.

The Rev. J. H. ROGERS took the chair, and expressed himself extremely glad at the prospect of renewing the pleasure they had enjoyed last night, when they held one of the most effective and satisfactory meetings he had ever attended. They ought to feel encouraged, seeing that the teetotal cause was manifestly making progress in Sydney. With respect to the number of the speakers last night, although they avowed they were not teetotalers, they showed that some impression had been made upon them, and that they saw the importance and the necessity of this movement, although they could not take part in it. The chairman then referred to the surprise which even those who were not total abstinents expressed in Sydney, and said it was impossible for so large a number to exist for many years against an intelligent and decided public opinion; and concluded by saying that the meeting had been in origin and sustaining a public opinion.

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The Free and An Schooner MESSINGER.
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The first lot to be offered.
The cargo-bulls head and all schooner **MESSINGER**, about 20 tons, and all her tackle, apparel, &c., is 621-5000 over her in Johnstone's Bay, off Pymont Point.
This is a splendid vessel, with four-fourths breadth of beam, and five feet seven-inch depth of hold. It is coppered and copper fastened.
Purchasers are invited to inspect her.
Terms at sale.
For Positive Sale.
Two neat and commodious Cottages at Burwood, near the Railway Station, one occupied as a house for three years, at a rental of £80 per annum, and the other now ready for a tenant.
BOWDEN and THRELKELD are instructed to sell by auction, at the City Mart, 362, George-street, **THIS IS DAY, the 21st April, at 11 o'clock.**
Two very neat and well-built verandah cottages, close to the Station at Burwood, being the adjoining lot to the well-known Hurwood House.
Lot 1 is a brick-built verandah cottage with tiled roof, containing six rooms, with detached Kitchen, being two small rooms under the verandah. In the yard is a good well of water. The garden is large, and is made of brick, cemented and covered over. The plot of ground has a frontage of 120 feet to River-view Terrace, by a road as a garden. This lot is held under a lease to the Rev. Mr. Meares, at £80 per annum.
Lot 2 is a detached cottage of the same kind, excepting the rooms in the verandah. It has also a well of water, detached Kitchen, &c. This plot is a corner lot, having 90 feet to River-view Terrace, by 210 feet, with frontages to John and Mary streets. If this house immediate possession may be had.
Plan at the Rooms.
For Positive Sale.
ATTRACTION UNRESERVED SALE.
The Entire CARGO of the HARGREAVES, just arrived from Hobart Town, with one of the finest assortments of Full, Pull, and Quarter Timber, Shingles, and Battens ever imported from that market. The whole has been cut expressly to order, and taken on board from the mills direct, to avoid damage in transhipping.
Most Important to Timber Merchants, Contractors, Shipbuilders, and the Trade generally.
For Positive Sale.
On Campbell's Wharf, on **THURSDAY, 21st April, at 10 o'clock.**
Choice Selected Full-cut Timber
Superior Broad 5-inch and 6-inch Box Palings
Paint Battens
Shingles, of superior quality
Laths, and
Best Hobart Town Apples.
BOWDEN and THRELKELD have received instructions from the importers to submit for unreserved sale to the highest bidder, on Campbell's Wharf, **THIS DAY, THURSDAY, 21st April, at 11 o'clock.**
The entire cargo of the Hargreaves, from Hobart Town, consisting of the following assortments of timber, palings, shingles, battens, &c., ever submitted for public sale in this market, comprising
FULL-CUT TIMBER.
20 pieces, 4 x 3, quartering, full cut, 15 feet
10 ditto, 4 x 2, ditto, ditto, 10 feet
15 ditto, 4 x 3, ditto, ditto, 15 feet
10 ditto, 4 x 3, ditto, ditto, 10 feet
91 ditto, 4 x 3, ditto, ditto, 12 feet
45 ditto, 4 x 3, ditto, ditto, 9 feet
5 x 2, joints, 10 feet
62 ditto, 6 x 3, ditto, ditto, 14 feet
167 ditto, 6 x 3, ditto, ditto, 12 feet
30 ditto, 6 x 3, ditto, ditto, 10 feet
65 ditto, 6 x 3, ditto, ditto, 9 feet
HEAVY TIMBER.
14 pieces, 6 x 6, full-cut timber, 10 feet
12 ditto, 6 x 6, ditto, 12 feet
5 ditto, 7 x 6, ditto, 10 feet
5 ditto, 8 x 3, ditto, 10 feet
MAKING TIMBER.
115 pieces, 4 x 3, quartering, 14 feet
161 ditto, 4 x 3, ditto, 12 feet
178 ditto, 4 x 3, ditto, 13 feet
195 ditto, 4 x 3, ditto, 9 feet
14 ditto, 6 x 3, joint, 14 feet
72 ditto, 6 x 3, ditto, 12 feet
33 ditto, 6 x 3, ditto, 10 feet
63 ditto, 6 x 3, ditto, 9 feet
BATTENS &c.
22 superior battens, 16 feet
28 ditto ditto, 10 feet
167 ditto ditto, 13 feet
120 ditto ditto, 12 feet
189 ditto ditto, 10 feet
BROAD BOX PALING.
6,000 superior broad paling, 5 feet
15,000 superior ditto, 6 feet
100,000 shingles, very fine description
15,000 laths.
Also.
10 boxes best Hobart Town apples.
The Auctioneers beg to direct the special attention of all buyers generally, to this very choice shipment of best Hobart Town apples, and to secure them that the Hargreaves was the only vessel loading there for this port, in consequence of the great advance in prices in the market.
The whole will be positively sold to the highest bidder, in lots to suit purchasers.
Terms, liberal, at sale.
Town of Gladstone, Port Curtis.
Three Allotments, secured at the first Government sale, and in choice spots for the erection of Business Premises, &c.
BOWDEN and THRELKELD will sell by auction on **THURSDAY, the 5th day of May** next, at 11 o'clock, by order and account of the Executors of the late Alan Bligh Esq.,
Three allotments of land, as sold at the first Government sale.
First—Lot No. 23 of section 3, per Government sale
Second—Lot No. 24 of section 2, per ditto ditto
Third—Lot No. 19 of section 3. This lot is within 600 feet of the anchorage, being at the corner of The Town and Auckland streets.
At the same time will be sold, to close the accounts of the late Alan Bligh Esq.,
10 allotments in the export town of Ulladulla, And, 3 allotments at Hunter's Hill, having water frontage, to Lane Cove River, comprising about 8 acres, well adapted for the erection of gentile villas.
Plans at the City Mart.
Terms at sale.
Cottage, in the Rotary Road, opposite the public-house known as the Waterloo Hotel.
BOWDEN and THRELKELD will sell by auction, at the City Mart, 362, George-street, on **THURSDAY, April 28th.**
A large weatherboarded exterior, brick chimneys, and erected on a piece of land having 25 feet frontage to the Waterloo Hotel, and 100 feet wide, directly opposite Hoston's inn, known as the Waterloo Hotel; held on a lease for 99 years, ground rent, 2s. 6d. per acre.
Terms, cash.
The Ketch CHALLENGER.
BOWDEN and THRELKELD will sell by auction, at the City Mart, 362, George-street, **THIS DAY, Friday, 25th April, at 11 o'clock.**
The colonial-built ketch, **CHALLENGER**, of 7½ tons register, but carries 23 tons dead weight.
The Challenge is well known at Brisbane Water, where she built about fourteen months ago; she is constructed in a strong and faithful manner; sails well, in the forenoon, well found in sails, anchors, chains, &c. Would be well for the Shoalwater Bay Fishery and wharves.
May now be seen off the Baltic Wharf, but will continue her trips to and from Brisbane Water up to Tuesday next.
Terms at sale.
A comfortable Homestead on an elevated and beautiful spot, upon the Banks of the River, from the Steam Ferry Wharf, Gladsville, Parramatta River, to the Village of Ryde, Kissing Point.
BOWDEN and THRELKELD are instructed to sell by auction, at the City Mart, 362, George-street, on **THURSDAY, the 28th April, at 11 o'clock.**
A very comfortable residence, built of stone, containing seven rooms, kitchen, store-room, wash-house, servants' rooms, cellars, &c. A verandah in front, backed, a well of water, and a very large tank in the yard; flower garden in front, an orchard with vineyard containing about four acres, in which are many fine fruit trees in full bearing.
The situation of this property is such as to command good views of Sydney in the distance, and much of the country around.
At Ryde, at a distance of about one mile and a half on a good road, are Schools, Churches, and Chapels, bakers' and butcher's shops, Post Office, and other conveniences, and a large number of the fishery and bakers' shops on the door daily, with their usual supplies. With the housestead, which is FIEBERHART, may be had homestead of the property, and the whole may be had at a very low price, partly improved and sub-let. This will be a great convenience to the occupier of the freehold, and may be had in

